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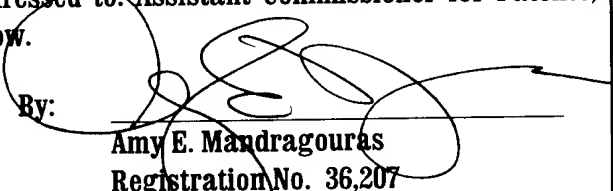
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Rory A.J. Curtis et al.  
Serial No.: 09/174,937  
Filed: October 19, 1998  
For: *ISOLATED PROTEINS AND NUCLEIC ACID  
MOLECULES HAVING HOMOLOGY TO THE NIP2  
PROTEIN AND USES THEREOF*  
Attorney Docket No.: MNI-061

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Examiner:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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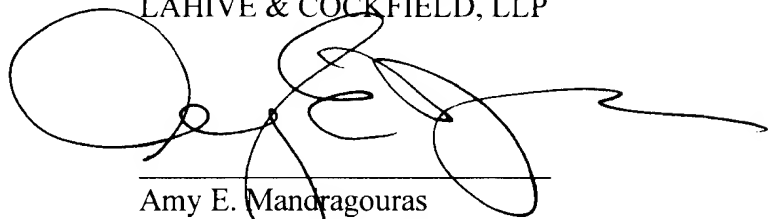
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